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SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn. – ECI tournament officials have reached out to its host course, Red Tail Golf Club, and it looks like a tentative date has been set for the 2011 Endicott College Invitational.

“Sunday, May 1 seems to be the best date for just about everyone. It is our hope that everyone can once again make this wonderful event; not only to crown a champion, but for everyone to get together – that’s the best part,” commented co-chairman Marc Zirolli from his home.

Several dates were played with; including the possibility of playing on a Saturday, but that would mean having the annual gala on a Friday night, which would then eliminate the Par-3 challenge at Sun ‘n Air. In addition, with the harsh winter the northeast region has seen in 2011, the possibility of aeration could be pushed back. Last week, Zirolli spoke to officials at Red Tail. Folks there weren’t positive, but the idea of pushing back aeration of the greens is a possibility, in which case the first Sunday of May could work out to the tournament’s advantage.

The first Sunday of May has been the tournament’s home for 3 years now. Previously, it had been the last Sunday of April. However, that date has been conflicting for many players as of late, and in 2011, Easter Sunday happens to fall on that weekend [April 24].

Zirolli expects to hear from Red Tail general manager Jim Pavlik early this week to solidify the date and greens fee, and to hopefully gather more information on when their aeration schedule will come to. When Zirolli was asked by reporters on the likelihood of the event being played on May 1, he confidently said “count on it.”

### **NEW PLAYER ENTERING FIELD IN 2011**



NASHVILLE – Jerry Miceli of Broad Brook, Conn., formerly of South Windsor, Conn., has officially joined the field of the Endicott College Invitational at a news conference held back in October.



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Miceli is a 2010 graduate of Endicott College and was a four-year varsity player on the golf team. He is also the step-brother of Adam Senatro, one of Marc Zirolli's best friends and as a result, has recently become close friends with Zirolli. Miceli is very much looking forward to playing in his first ECI and has begun on-course preparation this weekend in the Music City.

"I honestly can't wait! I've heard so much about this wonderful event through Nick [Turczak] and the fact that the invitation has been extended out to me really means a lot," said Miceli, who is in Nashville this weekend at a work conference through his employer, Cigna, which has major corporate operations in Bloomfield, Conn., where Miceli is based. "It clearly shows that with my participation as a 2010 graduate that this tournament will be here for a long time and will continue to become bigger and better in the years to come as new guys cycle into the field."

Jerry Miceli defeated Marc Zirolli 4&2 in a friendly match play held at Rolling Meadows Golf Course in Ellington, Conn., last October. Miceli looks to become only the fifth champion in the nine years of this event. Nick Turczak has won the ECI three times, Brian Gill and co-chairman John Dailey twice, and Kenny Dargon just once back in 2003, the first year of the ECI. – *Thomson Reuters*